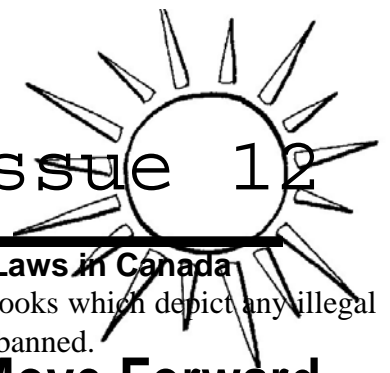


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A Look At Our Past As We Move Forward

By Caitlyn Mockler

Manchester High School has had its share of time in the spotlight. Reporters have swarmed our school, controversy has filled our halls, and change has been the focus of the school year. However, all this attention has given our school an unrealistic reputation and it has been portrayed as a troubled school. Junior Ashley Mills agreed, "This year has been a journey. Our school has been through many [trying] times but we seemed to keep going on. Within all high schools, there will be obstacles where it is up to each individual to handle them properly and with a positive mind. However, I was surprised by the media influence on how others envision our school as a place of disorder and violence, and it's not." Every school has its problems but our troubles seemed to be highlighted on every news station and newspaper around. Let's take a look back at this unforgettable year.

It all began on December 16th when chaos broke out in our very own hallways. A fight broke out between a group of students and the school went into lockdown for an hour. It resulted in numerous arrests of students and of a parent. Rumors of the event spread faster than Usain Bolt in the Olympics. It was said that it was gang-related, there were weapons, and even that someone was stabbed in the eye. Reporters labeled it the

"Manchester Melee" and the "Manchester Riot". The Internet, newspapers, and news stations plastered our school name across their screens, and it even made the CNN news scroll. After this event, our school began to reinforce the wearing of identification badges and

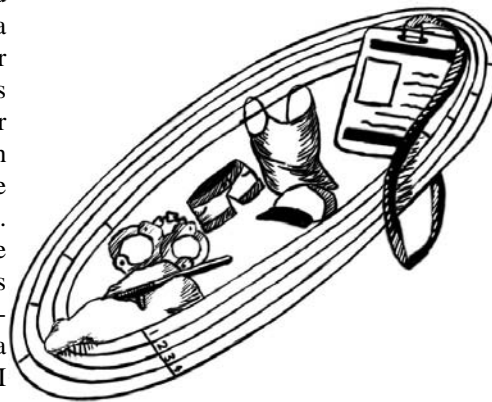


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increased security. Although most agree that this fight was awful, in the long run it has helped our school become safer and made school officials more aware of certain problems that loom in our halls. Senior Megan Sargent commented about the event, "Initially, I was nervous but in a matter of minutes I knew I was safe and everything was fine. I think the media overplayed the event to an extreme and although violence is never the answer, it was taken care of very well." After this string of events, Mr. O'Donnell went on paid leave and was replaced by Gregory Ziogas, our interim principal. The MHS community welcomed Mr. Ziogas as he helped clean up the mess and rebuild our image.

Although the news seems to ignore the good things that occur here, we will always remember what is truly important. On November 22nd, MHS students banded together to fight for the midterm schedule to stay the same. They used the power of their own voices and opinions to win over the Board of Education. Our own gym teacher and track coach, Mr. Thayer Redman was honored as one of eight finalists for the National High School Coach of the Year for boys track and field. Junior Chris Parla said, "He is a great coach who loves coaching and gives everything he can to the team." We must not forget that he helped coach and inspire his young athletes to their first state track title since 1944.

This school year, as the temperature rises, the school has tightened their grip on the dress code, causing many students' blood to boil. The school wants everyone to dress respectfully and cover ourselves up, which doesn't seem like too much to ask. But some students believe the school has taken it to the extreme as shorts must go to the person's fingertips and tank tops and spaghetti straps are forbidden. Most girls are up in arms over this new change. They argue that it is appropriate to show shoulders, and disagree with the school's choice to enforce this new rule during the last month of school. Junior

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Meet the Valedictorian

By Yumna Arif



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Sam Gates is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2011.

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Samantha has been involved in various activities throughout her high school career. She has been a member of Math Team all four years of high school, along with holding a position on the Activities Planning Board. In addition, she also ran Cross Country for one season. When asked how she balanced her schoolwork, extracurricular activities and social life, she said, "Truthfully, freshman year I didn't have much of a life outside of school because I was so focused on my school work. Gradually though, I learned a better balance and realized if I hung out with friends, I'd be less stressed and it'd be easier to get more work

done." The motivation behind Samantha's success was her commitment. She acknowledged, "I always pushed myself to do my best and not just what was expected of me. My parents always had high expectations for me and I always had even higher expectations for myself." As a result of all her hard work, Samantha was accepted to Brown University, where she will be studying in the fall. She is interested in majoring in engineering, specifically Biomed engineering. "Biomed engineering is a relatively new interest of mine because of my AP Biology course. Whether it's finding cures for diseases or ways to make the human body work more efficiently, I think Biomed engineering is the forefront for active research."

Three of Samantha's favorite teachers at MHS have been AP Biology teacher Mr. Ruede, AP Calculus teacher Ms. Mazzotta, and AP U.S. History teacher Mr. Maloney. "My favorite kind of teacher is one that is excited about material and gets the students excited," she said. After graduating, she mentioned that she will "miss the teachers and staff the most. As seniors, we're slowly growing out of the building and the classes but the teachers are the ones we owe all of our future success to."

Samantha also added the importance of student involvement at MHS. She stressed, "My wish for the future of MHS is that students take an active role in their education. If you think there's something wrong, talk to someone, do research because your future is in your hands. Keep representing Manchester well... You must give respect in order to gain respect, especially from adults whose job might be easier if students aren't involved. Let your administrators know you by name for the good reasons, not the bad." We wish Samantha the best of luck at Brown University in the fall, and know that she will go far in life!

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Shawna Macsuga explained, "Personally I'm not a huge fan, because everyone is a different size and shape so clothing may fit one person appropriately and another it might be inappropriate."

More recently, we have had two shootings very close to home. On May 20th, a man held his family hostage resulting in a shootout between him and the police. It resulted in a wounded police officer and the man dead. Then two days later, a convenience store clerk was shot and killed, leaving behind his pregnant wife and his two young daughters.

Sadly, this year has been overshadowed by tragic events that have given Manchester a bad name. We all know that

Manchester is full of great people and events that are often ignored in the media thanks to all the horrific things that occurred. Junior Carly Armstrong looks on the brighter side and said, "This year has been so busy. We had our first real high school memory- prom, which was amazing." But it is time for summer, the sun is shining and the weather is getting warmer. It is time for a fresh start, although we can never forget these events, we all must learn from them and move forward. We can all do our part and make better decisions so when we write the article for the year 2012; we have nothing but extraordinary and inspirational stories to tell.

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Meet the Salutatorian

By Yumna Arif



Photo by Yumna Arif

Brian Hughes is the Salutatorian of the Class of 2011.

Brian Hughes was born on March 18th, 1993 and like Samantha, he has been living in Manchester his entire life. He has four siblings - three sisters and one brother and is the youngest by five years. One of his sisters, Mrs. Mascolo currently teaches chemistry here at Manchester High School. Brian always wanted to graduate from high school with a high class rank. He said, "I knew when I entered that I wanted to be at the top end of the class and I wanted to go to a good college so I thought in order to get into an Ivy League, you need to have a good class rank."

As a result of his smart thinking, Brian will be entering Harvard University in the fall of this year. Brian will be going to Harvard as a part of the

NROTC military program. Through this program, Brian will be able to become a Marine officer after four years of college and training with The Navy. He is currently undecided as to his major, but has looked into a variety of fields. Brian explained how his main motivation to do so well in school was himself. "My parents always expected me to be at the top. I'd say they pressured me, but not really, because I always put the pressure on myself."

As well as getting amazing grades, Brian has also played various sports at MHS. He swam for the MHS Swim Team all four years of high school along with being a captain his junior and senior years. Throughout his years at MHS he has played on the soccer, cross country and tennis teams. He has also been involved in Math Team and was the treasurer for NHS. When asked how he balanced everything he said, "Some of it is time management. Also I knew that some things had to get done so homework and projects had to get done first, and then I just found whatever free time I had left to hang out with friends and do the rest of my activities."

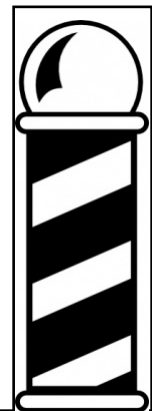
Brian's favorite teacher at MHS has been Latin teacher, Mr. Pfeifer. Brian explained how he mainly enjoyed Latin just because of Mr. Pfeifer. "[Mr. Pfeifer] didn't just teach Latin, he really did teach life lessons. He started every class with a story, and he cared more than any other teacher I've ever had. You can probably talk to almost anyone who took his class and they say the same thing," Brian described.

Like every other senior, Brian is really excited about graduating. He expressed that, "I'm really excited to move on with my life to the next step, and I'm looking forward to having my own independence and living away from home." However, before he leaves he has some very important advice for underclassmen. "High school is four years and everything seems like a huge deal as its happening, but looking back at it, it's not. Doing well in school is a big deal and life's a big deal but the small little drama events that happen, it's not going to matter down the road." We wish Brian good luck at Harvard, and an amazing summer vacation before college!

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A Look Back and Advice Given

By Elizabeth Bell

Well, class of 2011, it is hard to believe, but graduation is just a few days away. After four long years of tests, proficiencies, and essays, the next stage of our lives is about to begin. However, before we step onto that platform to receive our diplomas, let's look at some of the great memories we have had and leave some advice to the class of 2012.

Here is what some of the seniors had to say about their favorite high school memories. Brian Boudreau said, "My favorite memory from high school would be my four years on the track team and when we won the state LL Championship this year." Jose Valazquez's favorite memory was playing football because he loved, "the atmosphere of every game." When asked about what type of impact high school has had on him, Zachary Lombard said, "High school has made me a more enlightened person. It turned me into an independent philosopher and thinker." Hayley Bednossian learned that, "You aren't given an unlimited amount of chances. In order to get the things you

want in life you have to work hard for them." With our memories and the lessons learned, the question is, what advice can we leave for the class of 2012 so they can be as successful as we have been. Jose Valazquez said, "Participate in as many activities as you can because you don't know what you have until it's gone." Philip Brennan gave his advice, "Do not slack, whatever you do. You will regret slacking. Stay focused and work hard." When it comes

to college, Stephanie Proano said, "Get your college deadlines met on time. Don't miss out on any important events."

Even though we are moving on into the real world, these memories will always remain in our minds forever. Whether it's senior prom, senior picnic, or just something that a teacher told you sophomore year, high school has impacted each and every one of us in a different way. And now it is our turn to face new challenges and give our best wishes to the class of 2012 as they take the next step towards graduation. Now the new question is, what can we do to make the world a better place, because we are the future.

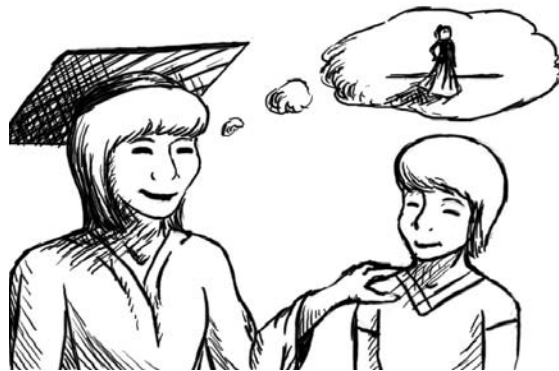


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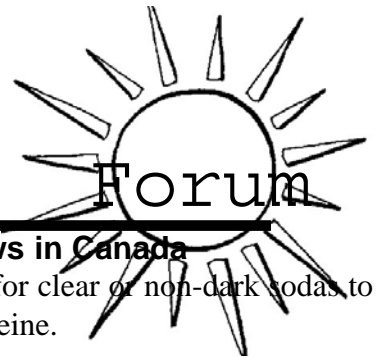
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Seniors Showing Great Improvement

By Dhurata Lluhani

On June 23rd, seniors will walk these hallowed halls for the last time, marking the end of the class of 2011's high school career. They are moving on and starting their lives in the real world. Some seniors have surpassed expectations and shown great improvement in their grades this year. We want to congratulate these seniors on their success and get to know a little more about them.

When she first began high school, Abbie Croteau's goal was to get the credits she needed and to graduate. She wanted good grades and to make her parents happy. But when Abbie got into her sophomore year, she saw large drop in her grades compared to her good grades freshman year. Abbie said, "I just needed to get my main goal back in check." When Abbie was asked what dedication means to her, she said, "Dedication means setting your mind on something and getting it done, correctly. It's continuing to work on a worksheet, or an essay even if it's not easy." She dedicated almost all of her time to school this year. She was 8 credits short of graduating, so when she entered senior year, she buckled down and worked as hard as she could. What changed Abbie's mindset and got her back on track? She said, "I wanted to walk with my class, and I didn't want to have to come back for a 5th year. I also just knew that I had the potential to do better, I just got into the wrong crowd and made a lot of bad decisions." She believes her parents are the main reason she started doing better. "They want nothing less than the best for me, and I had to get out of high school for that. Also, my boyfriend, Erik Gebel, who is my best friend as well, made me realize that I didn't want to be stuck in high school any longer than I already was." Abbie wants the underclassmen to know, "If your doing good, keep doing what you're doing. If your not doing so hot, pick it up, you've made it this far, there's no reason to quit now." For incoming high schoolers, she wants them to, "Take high school as a lesson, because you don't think it is going to do anything for you in the future, but sooner or later, you'll need it.

She also adds, "Mitch seems like a scary dude, but he's a pretty cool guy." Abbie will continue her hard work while she attends Manchester Community College for the next 2 years and then decide where she wants to go from there.

Anquanette Deloatch's goal is to graduate and go to a school for performing arts in New York to become an actress. To Anquanette, dedication means, "Someone who can always be counted on. Someone who is passionate at what they do and making sure everything is running smoothly. I dedicated myself to cheerleading. I made cheer captain my junior and senior year and won the most spirited award my first year cheering for always being dedicated and passionate about cheering." Mrs. Cuevas, of the student support center, had always been on Anquanette's side, wanting her to succeed. She says, "Mrs. Cuevas was my inspiration." Her four years at MHS were up and down through freshman and sophomore year. But she soon realized she was going down the wrong path and started doing her work again. She said, "I got all my credits I needed but almost lost them all due to lack of attendance. My junior year was hard for me I lost total sight of my goal in life and stop going to classes and even caring about school." But now, in her senior year, she has a new outlook on life. She said, "I'm an A- B average student nothing lower than a "C" on my report card which is a huge accomplishment for me personally." She wants the underclassmen to know not to lose their way. She said, "Set goals you want to reach. Stay focused and follow your dreams. Don't give up" We wish Anquanette the best as she attends Eastern Connecticut State University and works toward her double major in English for secondary education and social work.

Abbie and Anquanette have been great role models for the MHS student body. Take these examples and stay on target. Most importantly, reach for your goals and don't let your dream defer. You can succeed just like them. Follow the words of a wise man, "Reach for the moon. Even if you miss you'll land among the stars."

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Summer Lovin'

By Tiffany Minakhom

Summer is that period of seasonal bliss when you are introduced to a carefree and relaxing environment. When you wake up at ten o'clock, eat breakfast at twelve, and don't fall asleep till three in the morning. When you finally grasp how short life is and live every second of summer to the fullest. Some classify summer as hot weather, beach parties or new summer flicks. Or for others it is that moment in time when you can finally grab that dusty book that has been whispering your name off the shelf. Or call up your old pals that you haven't spoken to in a while due to the piles and piles of workload put on your overflowing platter. Summer is a magical word; it is an instantaneous season that can transform the plain Jane inside all of us and liven everyone up. So, that leaves me with one question. What is Manchester High School planning to do this summer? The temperature has been rising and so is everyone's angst for the sweet taste of the summer sun.

Who hasn't been watching the clock tick by waiting for the new and last Harry Potter movie, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows? Junior Josh Valentine, is one of the eager students who have waited for the larger than life return. Josh exclaimed, "Harry Potter is the most epic series of all time and I'm unbelievably pumped for part two! But I'm sad it has to end. I like that it comes out during summer because it builds up tons of suspense and is one thing that will make this summer the greatest ever." Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows will magically cast a spell on every viewer as it premieres on July 15, 2011!

Everyone has been counting down the days and, as the numbers get smaller, our excitement grows immensely! Sophomore Jenna Kinghorn cannot wait for the many memories she'll make. Jenna said, "I am planning to bake in the sun and make a comical attempt at surfing! Summer to me means no worries, the sand on my feet and the warm sun beaming on my face. It's the time to be care-free." Freshman Denzel Bruce is looking forward to the never ending summer. Denzel described, "Summer is the time to hang out with my friends, and not wake up at five in the morning every single day!" Junior Delissia Walton wants to relive past summer moments, she said, "I went to a beach house last summer with a few of my old friends. We got to ride a boat and have bonfires on the beach. I would love to do it again this year!" Who hasn't been waiting for those blue ocean waves to rush and cool your entire body? But not everyone is heading to the beach this summer. Sophomore Sarah Mangiafico explains how she intends to help the community this summer. She said, "I'm going to be a camp counselor at Bowers this summer, it's going to be my first time. The kids were so much fun at

RLT, the training center for future counselors. My favorite memory was when they were playing in the sprinklers and gave me a hug while they were all wet!" Arianna Lenetis is also planning to help others saying, "I'm going to an overnight camp in New York for a month. I'm going to be a counselor for the mentally disabled; I'll be helping the kids get to each activity safely. This summer I am getting paid to help build memories." Senior Zach Lombard, intends to have a well-rounded summer. He plans to, "hang out with friends, go to Key West and go for a walk on Duval Street and get a tan. I can't wait to see the seagulls!"

Traveling during the enchanted season of summer is truly spectacular. Students have a chance to visit family members, meet new people and learn about new cultures from all over the globe. Sophomore Gina Zeof says, "I get a chance to go to Budapest in Hungary and I get to go to Poland to teach conversational English. I'm planning to travel a lot, meet new people and have a crazy adventure." Junior Iva Petkora decided to go visit her hometown in Bulgaria. Iva said, "I was born there and I lived there for about six years. I'm going to see my family and friends and visit Pleven." Junior Jenn Scanlon explains that summer not only creates memories for you but even for others across the world. Jenn said, "I'm going to Honduras this summer with my church in Manchester, this is going to be my second time going. We build houses, host medical brigades in extremely impoverished communities and pass out around two hundred food bags. I'm super stoked for the trip. It puts values in life and gives me new perspective. It changes lives not only in Honduras but also your own." Even though the winter apocalypse has put a damper on the mood in the MHS halls and added on days to the school year, we at least have more time to discuss summer plans and save up money to visit places we've never been before.

The fondest memories are often made in summer, a remembrance of which will never be forgotten. Summertime brings back everlasting memories of sitting out on the lawn, having a family cook out and lighting a sparkler on the Fourth of July. Looking at the glass half-full, and realizing that summer is the moment to release all the tension you've held deep inside for so long. Summer 2011 will definitely be a firework and one to remember. For seniors who have bid farewell to the red and white halls of MHS, and the others who will just give a subtle wave goodbye for we will be back yet another year. Enjoy your summer Manchester High School; make it last for years and years to come.



Decriminalizing Marijuana in CT

By Josh Couvares

Ever gotten high before? Mark Braunstein has. Braunstein, a librarian at Connecticut College, is only able to walk with the aid of crutches and leg braces. He became a paraplegic after jumping off a bridge into a river and landing wrong. Now he smokes marijuana every three days or so in order to control the spasms in his feet. Without marijuana, this pain would otherwise immobilize him. In the past, Braunstein could have faced up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine for possession of cannabis under the old laws in Connecticut. However, as of June 7th, Connecticut joined the growing list of states that have decriminalized marijuana.

There are now fourteen states, including Connecticut, that have decriminalized marijuana. Under the laws in these states, people like Braunstein would not face harsh punishments for possession of small amounts of marijuana.

In Connecticut, a bill has made its way to the state Senate and state House of Representatives that decriminalizes possession of small amounts of marijuana. Any person caught with less than half an ounce of marijuana would receive a civil fine, similar to that of a traffic ticket. First offenders would pay a \$150.00 fine, subsequent offenders would pay a fines between \$200.00 and \$500.00. In addition, anyone 18 years old and younger that is caught with pocession of less than a half ounce of marijuana would lose their license to drive for 60 days, similar to the law regarding possession of alcohol, and be referred to a drug education program.

Despite a strong resistance against this bill among members of the state Senate, the bill just barely managed to get passed. The votes in the senate came down to an 18-18 tie. Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, as president of the Senate, broke the tie in favor for the



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**"Let me make it clear, we are not legalizing the use of marijuana"-
Governor Malloy**

bill. The bill was then successfully passed by state House of Representatives and is expected to be signed by Governor Malloy and become law effective July 1st. According to NBC Connecticut, Minority Leader John McKinney was strongly opposed to the bill, having said that this bill "is one of the worst ideas I've heard in my 13 years in the state Senate." However, Michael Lawlor, the architect of this bill, does not believe that the law will have the same issues as the other states such as Massachusetts. With 65% of Connecticut voters in favor of decriminalizing marijuana, according to a Quinnipiac University poll, the change in law truly represents the will of the people.

Students at Manchester High School have different views on the laws governing marijuana use. Senior Molly Dubois does not believe that marijuana should be illegal. "I think it's not that big of a deal to smoke marijuana," Dubois said. "It's never killed anyone so why not legalize it?" Senior Mike Eastman is also in favor of complete legalization. He does not believe there are any negative effects of smoking cannabis. "The only harm in marijuana is happiness," he said. When senior Jenny Whang was asked about legalizing marijuana, she responded saying three words: "It's about time."

Other students at Manchester High School are apathetic about the marijuana laws in Connecticut. Senior Liz Moran does not believe the laws will affect her. "I'm not really opinioned on the matter," Moran said. "But I think people should realize that the word 'decriminalizing' doesn't mean that they can now flash their weed around like it's not a big deal."

There is a wide field of emotions regarding this controversial law. Some are pleased that this law has been passed. Some are furious and believe it's a terrible idea. Others are merely apathetic. Will this law be for better or worse? Only time will tell.

Manchester Shooting

By Elizabeth Bell

During the last week and a half of May there were two people killed, which left the town of Manchester and the police on their toes. First there was a man who held his family hostage for about 12 hours before letting them go. He however, refused to back down, resulting in a shootout with the police. This situation ended with the suspect dead and a police officer wounded. Then on May 22nd, a man shot a convenience store clerk. The clerk was rushed to the hospital; however, due to his severe injuries, he died the following morning. The suspect has yet to be found. Both of these incidents occurred in the Hartford Road area and happened only a few days apart. Now the question is, what happened in both of these situations? Was there more than one person involved? Were there any warning signs to either of these events?

On Thursday May 20th, the Manchester Police Department received a call about a domestic incident involving a man "waving his gun around" in a house on Courtland Street according to Manchester Patch. The man, known as Edmanuel Reyes, was holding his wife and two children hostage in their own home. When police arrived on scene, they immediately tried to get the wife and two kids out of the house without any violence. While this was happening Officer Beeler was shot as he approached the house. After a while Reyes released his wife and two kids, but refused to give up. The police got the call shortly after 5:30 p.m on Thursday; it took a little less than 2 hours before a sniper shot the suspect at 7:15 p.m that same evening. Jessica Bonilla, a junior, said "He shouldn't have been killed. It was unjust [and] intense. I think a lot of things played into it." Jessica went on to explain that Edmanuel was going through a foreclosure and that he was bipolar and off his medication. She goes on to say that there had been some verbal fighting

from that house, but no violence before this incident. Adan Portilla commented, "When he was shooting at the cops, yes, [he deserved to be shot]. But after when he let go of [his] family, [he didn't] because he wasn't doing anything. They should have just arrested him." Mayor Louis Spadaccini commented on this situation saying, "It's always disturbing when something like this happens at home, but the police did an excellent job responding to this situa-

tion and bringing it under control and [to] bring a fairly prompt end to the shooting." All the police involved in this situation followed procedure and did exactly what they were trained to do. The result of their hard work was that Reyes was killed and Officer Beeler was released later that evening from Hartford Hospital, according to Manchester Patch. However, leading up to this situation, there had been no signs from Reyes about holding his family hostage and there were no other suspects involved in the situation. Adan and Jessica both feel safe in the area. Jessica said, "I don't feel unsafe. I have

lived [in that area] for ten years and it is the first time something like this happened."

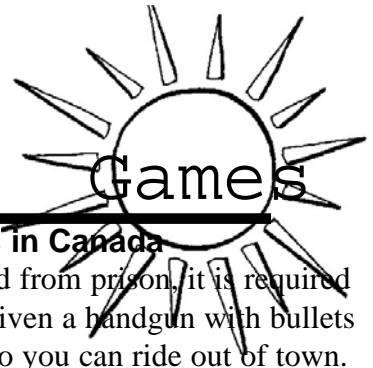
Just a couple of days after Reyes was killed, a convenience store clerk named Aurang Zaib Sahi, was shot while working on May 20th. The police got the call from a customer who walked into the store and found Sahi, lying on the floor wounded. Sahi was immediately taken to the hospital, where he died on Monday, leaving behind a pregnant wife and two children. The Manchester police have not found the suspect yet, however, there are photos and the man's image was captured on a surveillance video outside the store. The Manchester police described this incident as not accidental, and asks that if anyone has any information about this incident to please call 860-645-5510.



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The surveillance video of the man who shot Aurang Zaib Sahi.

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When released from prison, it is required that you are given a handgun with bullets and a horse, so you can ride out of town.

Blink-182

By Josh Couvares

The school year is slowly approaching its end. The weather has become unbearably hot, the days have grown longer, and concentration has been shifted from schoolwork to thoughts of beaches and relaxation. Summer is right around the corner and that means one thing for many students of Manchester High School - summer concerts.

There are many musical acts traveling to Hartford this summer, but perhaps the most anticipated attraction is Blink 182. This will be the band's first time touring in America since the summer of 2009.

Blink 182 formed in 1992 when its founding members, Tom DeLonge, Mark Hoppus, and Scott Rayner, were still in high school. Blink 182 grew a reputation for its humorous onstage banter and began receiving mainstream attention after the band's single, Dammit. Blink 182 is often cited for their influence on contemporary pop punk music. The band continued to flourish until their break up in 2005.

It took a life changing incident to reunite the band. On September 19th, 2008, drummer of the band, Travis Barker, was nearly killed in a plane crash. The event gave the band a new perspective on their friendship and allowed them to patch up their relationship and solve their personal issues. "If that accident hadn't happened,

we wouldn't be a band. Plain and simple. That was fate," DeLonge stated

Despite having reunited in 2009, the band has yet to release new music. Blink 182's highly anticipated new album is scheduled to be done recording by July 31st. It will be the band's first record since 2003. The band is very eager to play new music. "We're most excited... [that] it's the first time there will be new music in nine years," band member Travis Barker said.

Many students at Manchester High School cannot wait to see Blink 182 once again this summer. Junior Tony Proano is just one of the many students of Manchester High School who are very excited to see Blink 182 this summer. "I can't wait to see Blink 182, they've been one of my favorite bands since I was in middle school," Proano said. Senior Mike Spencer is also an avid fan of Blink 182. "I love Blink 182! Down is one of my favorite songs ever," Spencer said.

There are many great bands in the world and there are many great bands coming to Hartford this summer.

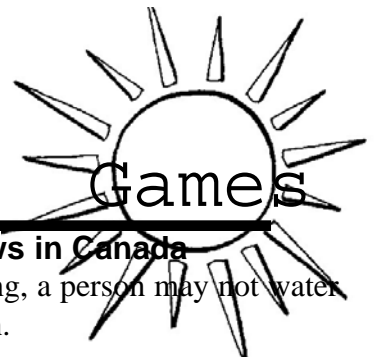
Blink 182 is just one of the many acts to enjoy, but it is a band that holds a special place in the hearts of many students at Manchester High School.



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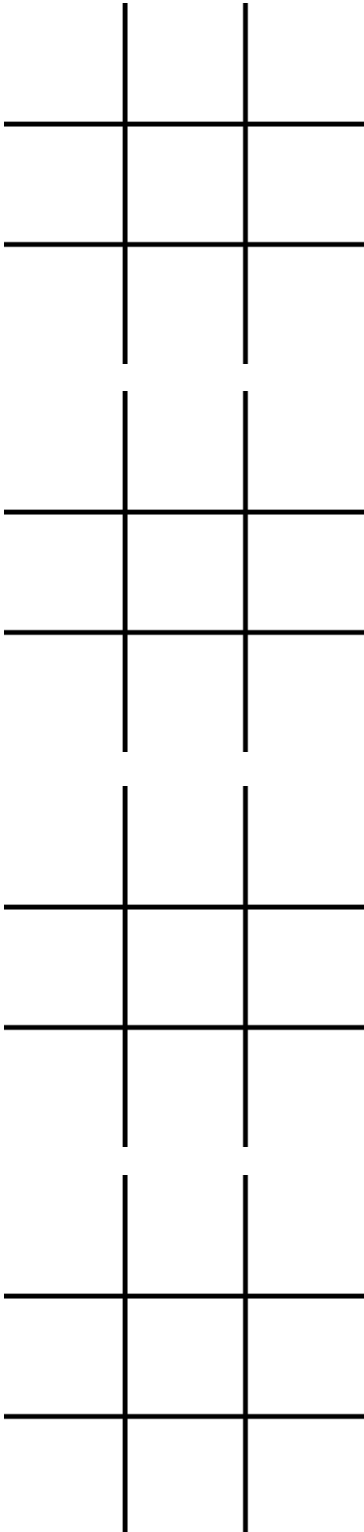
Blink-182 is coming back to Hartford on August 14th. Get your tickets quick because they will be gone soon.

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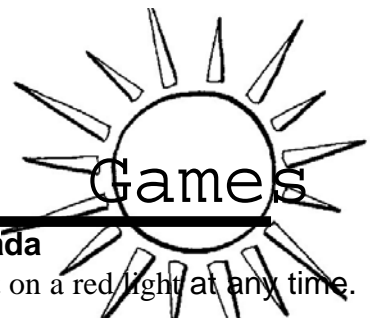
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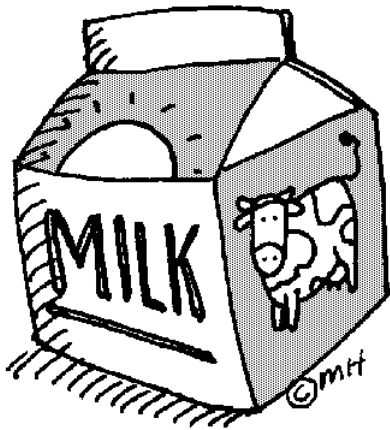


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Ryan Fisher - Layout Editor

Univerisity of New Hampshire

Major: Psychology

Favorite Class: Biology with Mrs. Miner

Harbinger Memory: Being with Dhurata

Brad Pitt or George Clooney: Brad Pitt

Blondes or Brunettes: Brunettes

Trapped on an island with one other person who would it be: Victoria Justice

Superpower: Shape Shifting

Elizabeth Bell - Staff Writer

Manchester Community College

Major: Journalism

Favorite Class: Fashion & Design

Harbinger Memory: Celebrating my birthday a week late

Brad Pitt or George Clooney: George Clooney

Blondes or Brunettes: Bleach Blonde

Trapped on an island with one other person who would it be: My cousin, Marianne

Super Power: Fly

Josh Couvares - Forum Editor

University of Richmond

Major: Undecided

Favorite Class: Latin with Mr. Pfeiffer

Harbinger Memory: Listening to music in class

Brad Pitt or George Clooney: Clooney

Blondes or Brunettes: Blondes

Trapped on an island with one other person who would it be: My Brother

Super Power: Fly

Sarah Cinquemani - Editor in Chief

Adelphi University

Major: Environmental Studies

Favorite Class: AP Biology

Harbinger Memory: Making cakes for everyone's birthday

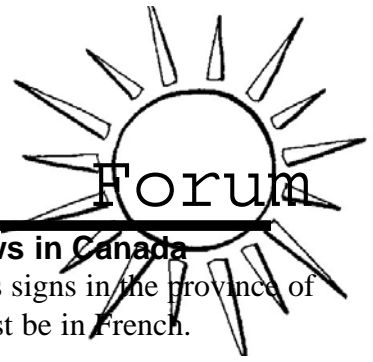
Brad Pitt or George Clooney: George Clooney

Blondes or Brunettes: Gingers

Trapped on an island with one other person who would it be: Ryan Fisher

Super Power: Regenerate trees with the snap of my fingers

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All business signs in the province of Quebec must be in French.

Farewell!

By Sarah Cinquemani

This past year, my Harbinger colleagues have shown me what it's like to work hard day in and day out and to see all that dedication pay off, twelve times a year. I was really excited to get back into journalism after my hiatus and to get to know all my new classmates. I could not have survived the year without my great staff.

The design and layout of the Harbinger is a lot more complicated than it appears in print. I couldn't have asked for a better Layout Editor than Ryan Fisher. He was always ready to work and get his creative juices flowing in order to change up each issue. The long afternoons working up to the deadline were tiring but fun because Ryan was working with me. We definitely made a great team. Another senior this year was Elizabeth Bell. I could always count on Elizabeth to take on challenging articles that were usually top news as well. The dedication and desire to write great articles was present in every class. I could always count on Forum Editor, Josh Couvares, to blast some music while we were hard at work in class. He stepped up his work this year by taking on challenging pieces and heading the Letters to the Editor section of the paper.

The Harbinger was greatly enhanced this year with the amazing illustrations by Alexis Taylor. I couldn't ask for an easier going illustrator. While she was working on gold medal worthy pieces of art, she still made plenty of time to come up with illustrations for every issue. Alexis was always able to draw whatever was needed for the articles, always exceeding any expectations for the drawings. I am so excited Alexis will be returning next year. Yumna Arif was new to the class but she made her writing ability known with the real world stories she tackled. Yumna has grown into a fantastic journalist and was essential to editing the PDF files available on the school website. Yumna will use her talents for reporting the facts as the News Editor next year. Nani Robles found her niche as the 'Behind the Lyrics' columnist. She wrote articles about songs that the student body could relate to. Herb Resto jumped right into the coursework with a huge smile. Herb wrote pertinent and enjoyable articles. He moves from staff writer to Layout Editor next year, which is a very impressive position. Dhurata Lluhani is a veteran to the Harbinger but the fire and passion she has for writing did not seem to waiver as she went through her junior year. As the Editorial Editor, Dhurata wrote some controversial articles, yet she constantly found great sources to back her up.

Next year, Dhurata will return as the Forum Editor. Jesse Robinson filled the shoes of Sports Editor this year and did an excellent job. He is a natural writer and has a knack for making games and sporting events come to life on the page. Jesse's laid back attitude helped him remain calm during March Madness when he came in early the day the issue was being sent to copy to write his article. Jesse will continue to provide great news coverage for next year. Caitlyn Mockler was a powerful addition to the Harbinger staff. From the first issue, her writing ability stood out from the crowd and I knew she had some great potential. Caitlyn has taken on many leadership roles in the

class this year and I am very proud to say she will continue doing so next year as Editor-in-Chief.

The youngest members of the staff all stepped up to make the Harbinger an excellent production. Michelle Congleton was dedicated to making her work the best it possibly could be even if that meant leaving class every day to interview reliable sources in the school system. Next year, Michelle will take on the role of Public Relations and she has already made compelling efforts to increase distribution rates of the paper. Tiffany Minakhom was very dedicated to making her articles the best possible,

always asking for advice and ways to improve her writing. Tiffany will be the Ad Manager, working to keep the Harbinger in the black. Vivacious Ryan Dube added a lot to the class. From the beginning of the year, his descriptive and captivating writing style was apparent. I could always count on Dube for some interesting facts and stories to tell. Next year, Ryan will take on the position of Editorial Editor.

This year would not have been a success without the dedication of the staff but we couldn't have done it all without our teacher, Mr. Bendzinski. Mr. B put all his heart into the class and it was apparent every day when we walked into the room and he greeted us with a huge smile. Although I took junior year off from writing for the paper, Mr. B never lost faith in my ability or leadership skills as he let me return to the staff as Editor in Chief. I had an amazing year getting to know everyone and producing a top notch paper every month. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes and I'm thankful to have such a hardworking staff beside me all year long. Good luck next year and keep making the Harbinger something everyone looks forward to reading!

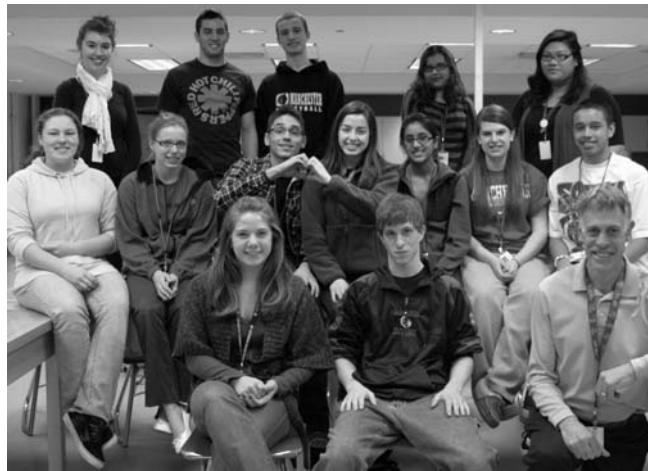


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The Voice

By Ryan Dube

All anyone can truly ask for in life is an opportunity. Everyone deserves a shot at greatness, a chance to prove themselves, one moment that will define them, and completely change their life forever. The problem is that some people are never given this chance, and thus they can never make the most of it. The hit new television show, "The Voice" is trying to change all that by giving hopeful young singers the opportunity of a lifetime, to perform in front of the eyes of millions, and allow their voice to be heard.


"The Voice" is a vocal competition modeled after Holland's top-rated vocal talent discovery show, "The Voice of Holland". It was brought to America to find the next biggest stars and to bring them to the world's biggest stages. The show's format has three stages of competition: the blind auditions, the battle rounds, and finishes with live performances held on NBC. "The Voice" is unique from other talent competition shows in the sense that contestants are judged solely on their talent, and not on their appearance. The blind auditions are the first step in the process. It involves a performer singing a song of their choice to the group of judges, Cee Lo Green, Christina Aguilera, Adam Levine, and Blake Shelton, while their chairs are facing the crowd, not the artist. This

forces the judges to pick the members of their team based on only their voice, without influence from their gender, ethnicity, or appearance. Junior Marcus Adorno, an avid fan of "The Voice", is strongly opinionated when it comes to the blind auditions. He explained, "I think that the blind auditions carry much significance because it is a common function for people to judge others by the way they look, or are judged without being given a chance to know them. The fact that these contestants are being picked for only their talent makes it more satisfying to watch. People want to see the real talent, not who is prettiest or who looks the toughest." "The Voice" is being hyped up as the next best talent show since American Idol, and sophomore Ariel Marie is a big fan of the concept of the show. She described, "I would love more shows like this on TV, it is just something different from everything else on television, and it is a positive show to watch." Sitting at home on the couch, watching people try to make their dreams come true is quite inspiring, but imagine being the one putting all you have on the line each and every night, fighting to make it big. I couldn't even imagine it, but luckily I don't have to, I had the opportunity to sit down and chat with "The Voice" contestant Javier Colon, and he shared what it really feels like to make the most of an opportunity.




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**Connecticut's Javier Colon
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Interview with Javier Colon

Q- What inspired you to become a singer?

A- I was first inspired by the singers that I would hear on the radio as I was growing up. My father was a DJ at a Spanish radio station in Harford and we'd listen to him at home every day. He played great music by great singers and I started imitating the singers from the age of 2.

Q- How did you get started?

A- I officially got my start in music when I was asked to be the lead singer of a band called the Derek Trucks Band. They had heard me through a mutual friend and they were looking for a new singer. I auditioned for them and they asked me to join the band. It was awesome. I got to travel the country and sing for a living. We didn't make much money at the time but I was glad to be able to do what I loved.

Q- How did you learn about "The Voice" TV show auditions and what did you have to do to get selected on the show?

A- My manager actually got an email from someone telling us about the auditions for the show. I didn't know much about it and almost didn't go to the audition. I ended up going and I had to sing a few songs for a panel of executives from the show. Fortunately they liked me and I made it on the show.

Q- How did you prepare for your blind audition?

A- I practiced a LOT. I had sung the audition song (Time After Time) before but went over it over and over and over again. I also had to mentally prepare myself to perform in front of not only the coaches, but the millions of people who would be watching at home.

Q- How did you choose your song and why?

A- I chose "Time After Time" because it is a classic song that I thought would appeal to a wide group of people. I also wanted to sing a song that really reflected who I am as an artist. I sing in a soulful style and I play the guitar in a folk/country/rock style and that song really helped me show people what my "sound" is.

Q-How do you feel "The Voice" is different from other talent type shows?

A- The Voice is very different than other shows for a lot of reasons but the most obvious one is that it's a blind audition. The coaches don't get to see you and pass judgment on you before you even get to sing. They can only go by what they hear and that's why its called "The Voice" I love the concept of it. It makes for some great TV.

Q-What do you hope to achieve or accomplish from your time on the show?

A-When it is all said and done I just hope to build my fan base to a point that I can tour around the world and bring my music to all that want to listen. That would take my career to the next level.

Q- What opportunities has the show already brought your way?

A- I've received so much love and support from people all over the world who have seen me on the show. The amount of people who have seen this show is massive! I have been given the opportunity to perform for millions of people. That is the greatest opportunity of all.

Q- What words of advice to you have for young musical artists?

A- My advice to you musicians is simple. Get out there and perform! Show people what you've got. Not only will you make people aware of your talents but you will be honing your craft at the same time. Do everything that comes your way. Join the band or choir at school, audition for the school plays and talent shows. Anything and everything that comes your way. Had I not done a little talent show in Stratford, Ct when I was in 6th grade, that my mom forced me to do, I wouldn't have met a person who inspired me to play the guitar and sing. That same person introduced me to another guy 6 years later who introduced me to yet another person who introduced me to a producer in Los Angeles who helped me get my first record deal. That is crazy but that is how this game goes. The music business is so tough. You never know when, or where, of if your break will come. That's why I say you have to do everything. I am living proof that a 6th grade talent show can land you at the doorstep of a major label someday.

Make sure to go out and vote for Javier when the time comes, help him bring the title back to Connecticut!



Dumb Laws in Canada

Homeowners are responsible for clearing snow off of municipal sidewalks.

Thrills to Scream for

By Nani Robles

Break out those flip-flops, summer vacation is finally around the corner! So pack your beach bags, and most of all get ready to scream. Thrill rides are one of the biggest challenges students try to conquer over the summer. Which one do we ride? Which has the highest terror level? Which one goes fastest? Thrill rides can vary from very small and slow to fast and large enough to blow your mind.

One ride featured on the Travel Channel's Most Extreme Thrill Rides is very close to Manchester at Six Flags New England near Springfield, Massachusetts. The ride, Catapult, is a challenge for some and a joy to others. At 105 feet, it brings you forward and upside down three times, bringing you so close to the ground, you feel as if you'll fall as your arms and legs dangle in front of you. You also go three times backwards which adds another thrill element to this ride. Another well-known thrill ride which resides at Six Flags New England is Batman the Dark Knight. With a speed of 55 miles per hour and towering at almost 12 stories high this ride can be seen as frightening to newcomers. The fact that this coaster is floorless and creates a dropping effect as you plummet through corkscrews and loops, it scares many people but pumps adrenaline through each rider's body. Junior Andrew Roachford has not been on Batman but has seen it and agrees it's a good ride he said. "I'm sure it goes fast and I'd be scared. It's a well



Illustration by Alexis Taylor

known ride." To bring things up a level, Hershey Park in Pennsylvania has two scream worthy coasters. Storm runner is known as a "rocket coaster." The Storm Runner rockets you from 0 to 72 mph in two seconds making a wild start, leading up to the first drop at 150 feet high. It then suddenly drops you down 180 feet. This ride enters three different inversions making it the ultimate thrill ride, blasting riders into another sense of gravity. Junior Pearl Cortez agrees the thrill level looks fun and said, "Yeah I would go on. It looks like it gives a big rush to riders." Right across from Storm Runner is the one and only Fahrenheit. This coaster brings all coasters to a whole new level. With a 97 degree angle to start you off, this ride brings you into a 4G pull, which is more than astronauts experience in a shuttle launch. Junior Leslie Rivera isn't afraid to say that she wouldn't go on. She explained. "It looks too scary, I would never do that but people do seem to have fun." This ride is not for the faint of heart, so be prepared. Twists, turns, inversions, corkscrews, and gravity defying heights will surely fill a daredevil's thirst for the ultimate thrill. Don't be afraid to face such terror rides. It's not as hard as it looks. After standing there intimidated by such rides, build up the courage to conquer your fears or a friend might have to drag you on. Most riders after the actual experience want to experience it again. Don't be surprised if you hear yourself saying "lets go on again and again!"

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Baseball Seniors Leave Behind a Legacy

By Jesse Robinson

As the school year comes to a close, sadly the end of the sports season does as well. For the baseball team, it is time to hang up the cleats and pack away the bats. This season was a rebuilding year for the team, which meant that many underclassmen had to step up this season. The copious amount of younger players on the team meant that the role of each senior was that much more important. Leadership was definitely not something the team lacked, as eleven seniors ended their high school baseball careers this year. After four years in the MHS baseball program, seniors Brian Nessing, Adan Portilla, Charles McComber, Ryan Fisher, Matt Webber, Mike Spencer, David Grande, Jeff Cate, Travis Mistretta, Nolan Cardwell, and Chris Montanez were honored on Senior Night. Mistretta and Portilla, who have been teammates since freshman year, were the captains of the team and led with their strong personalities and equally strong play. Cate, Mistretta, and Webber were the top hitters of the season, combining for almost forty percent of the team's total hits. Mike Spencer was the top run producer with

22 RBIs. On the bases, no catcher could throw out Mistretta, who stole ten bases without being caught. The mound was controlled by junior Max Dougan, who's 2.28 ERA and fifty strikeouts led the team. Cate and Montanez were also key contributors on the mound. Overall, the baseball team had a season where they learned, grew up, and progressed. Their 9-12 record was a disappointment to some, but many of the players saw it as incentive to get better in the years to come. With over half the varsity squad returning next season, the Indians should be prepared to take on some of the toughest competition in the state. On May 31st, the team played their final game in the first round of the State Tournament. Unfortunately, their opponent was the third

ranked team in the state. Staples High gave Manchester a 7-1 loss, ending their season. Despite the loss, many players were glad to have the opportunity to play in the tournament. In his first two seasons as head coach, Marc DiDiminzi has led the Indians to two State Tournament berths. "This was a hardworking group who gave everything they had since I took over. I couldn't ask for a better group of kids," said Coach D. With some experience and a better understanding of the players, the Indians are only moving forward with Coach D at the helm. For the seniors, their last memories on the field will be ones of good times. David Grande reflected on the past four seasons, say-



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The seniors on the baseball team holding up their plaques on Senior Night at Mt. Nebo.

ing, "I'm going to miss all the seniors and playing with them for all these years. A message to the team would definitely be fight through adversity and don't get complacent." Many of his teammates had equal thoughts upon their final season. "I love all my fellow baseball seniors that I've been playing with for (the last) four years," said Montanez. "Shout out to the underclassmen I met on the way to bring us the championship next year." It has been a pleasure to watch the seniors play these past four years, and the best of luck goes out to them in their future endeavors, whether it be on the baseball diamond or elsewhere.



Dumb Laws in Canada

The color of house and garage doors is regulated by city bylaws (a purple door get you a fine).

Smoking the Competition

By Sarah Cinquemani

The season has been a long, rainy, but successful one for the girls track team. The girls closed out their season with a record of 5-2 with impressive wins over South Windsor and Wethersfield. As the team moved into the post season, many athletes competed in the CCC North Division Championships on Wednesday, May 25th. Though the meet was postponed a day due to "weather", the team kept their game faces on for the following day and worked hard at the meet. The team placed 5th out of 8 schools in the conference. Running hard as usual was junior Arianna Rivera, taking first in both the 100m hurdles and the 300m intermediate hurdles. Nicole Clemons placed 4th in the 100m dash and in the 3200 m run, Emily Anderson placed 3rd with Jackie Ofria close behind in 6th. "I can push myself to be better," said Nicole about why she loves track. "Each race I step onto the track knowing that I am racing myself, not people around me."

The team practiced through some intense heat to prepare for the Class LL meet on Tuesday, May 31st and all the hard work paid off as the girls placed 6th overall. There were many outstanding performances at the meet. Arianna Rivera placed 1st in the 100m hurdles and the 300m hurdles, making her an All-State recipient. Sophomore Nicole Clemons placed 2nd in the 100 m dash and did very well in the 200 m dash. One of the most exciting times for the girls team that day was when Emily Anderson ran the 1600m. Not only did Emily shatter her previous personal best, but she also broke the school record with a time of 5:13:19. At

the track banquet, Emily proudly placed her name on the record board in the senior lot lobby. Emily opened up about her track season, "I had a wonderful time during track with all my teammates! Breaking the 1600m record was an added bonus that I have been striving for my entire high school career. I am sad to be leaving MHS track, but I know I am off to bigger and better things as I spend my college years competing at Stonehill College."

The following week, seven members of the girls team ran at the State Open. The girls 4x100m relay team placed 5th, advancing them to the New England Championships. Arianna Rivera placed 2nd in both hurdle events, qualifying her for New Englands as well. Nicole Clemons preformed well in the 100m dash while Emily Anderson re-broke the school record in the 1600m just a few events later. At the New England Championships, The 4x100m relay placed 8th when they had been ranked 22nd and Arianna Rivera placed 5th in the 100m hurdles and 7th in the 300m hurdles. The girls represented the team well.

While the Class LL Championship was the end of the road for most competitors, two dedicated and determined girls continued on to compete in the state heptathlon. This was the first time in over four years that a female athlete from Manchester High had competed in this event. The heptathlon consists of seven events: 100m hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200m dash, long jump, javelin, and the 800m run. Congratulations to Arianna Rivera and freshman Leah Watson for competing in this two-day extravaganza. Both represented Manchester well.

The Last Serve

By Heriberto Resto

Do all good things really come to an end? It seems like just yesterday we were predicting our tennis teams' success and wondering what spectacular plays we would see from our outstanding athletes this year. Beginning strong, the boys began the season 4-4, a respectable .500 record that seemed to improve as the season progressed. However, due to some struggles and the good teams they faced, they ended the season with a disappointing 5-10 record. On a brighter note, due to his amazing skills and his great determination to succeed, Paul Maloney was given the chance to play in the state tournament against some of the best tennis players in the state. Despite their record, the boys tennis team was very good all around. Everyone had superior skills and exceptional knowledge of the game which they will bring to the table next season. Before we say goodbye to the boys and the season they have completed, let's take a look at our seniors who will be graduating this year. We would like to thank Michael Brophy, Brian Hughes, Melvin Rodriguez, Richard Whitehead, and Matthew Willhoft for their hard work and dedication throughout the

years. We hope you all move on to bigger and better things.

Although the girls had a tough start, beginning their season at 0-4, their determination and perseverance allowed them to win 3 out of their next 6 matches. Similar to the boys, the girls team faced stiff competition such as Windsor and Glastonbury. Even with their valiant efforts, they couldn't seem to hold it together and sadly they ended the season with a 4-11 record. They have a lot of marvelous talent returning next year and look to grow from this year's experience. Many have predicted that next year they will make some noise against their opponents. Just like the boys, the girls team has many seniors who will be departing Manchester High School and the tennis team. We would like to send our thanks to Madena Bhura, Yiaizah Boukhanty, Sara Eliason, Huma Khan, Elieen Li, Lynn Nguyen, Kileen Tracy, Lindsay Tracy, Jacquelyn Waltimire, Suzanne Weedon, Amanda Willhoft, and Crystal Woods. Thank you girls for putting your heart and soul into this team for four years and we know you all have a bright future ahead.

Memories for Years to Come

By Michelle Congleton

The sun sets over the field, sending the whole sky into the pastel colors of the rainbow, like the strokes of a paintbrush caressing a bright new canvas, producing a new creation. The girls walk off the field, trailing along their equipment behind them. Their last game of the season is done and over, and all they have is to look forward to is next year's team. They all know they have done their best this season, settling with a record of 5-15.

As soon as East Catholic advanced onto the field, it was war. They're our cross-town rivals so there was no choice but to win. "This was the team that we had gotten smoked by earlier," said Coach Crawford. East Catholic has one of the top pitchers in the state and with all the determination the team had, they were able to win with a score of 8-0.

Though arguments have come and gone, they were a team that always fought hard in any situation. Coach Crawford always pushed them to do their best, making sure each team member reached their full potential as a player. Though the team had some young players, there were many exceptional seniors that will never be forgotten. Seniors Paige Wlochowski, Taylor Rose, Taylor Sisson, Erica Bartle, Angie Roman, and Sarah Bonino were strong leaders that the team could always count on.

"I was happy with the girls efforts and I really think we did as well as we could with the talent we had," said coach Crawford as he summed up the season. Angie Roman, a senior, will be attending Keene State College and won't be continuing softball next year. She explained, "It was just

another great experience under my belt." Another senior, Erica Bartle will be attending Central Connecticut State University in the fall and Paige Wlochowski will be going to UConn for nursing, neither of them continuing softball. Although they will always have a passion for the game, in college they plan to focus on their studies and enjoy the new



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experience of being in college.

Memories are the thoughts that stay with us for a lifetime. As teenagers, high school memories are thought to be our fondest. Remembering the good times with each other and the victories that were made by working as a team. These are the times of our lives and there is nothing that can stop us from achieving the memory that everyone wishes for. Walking down the aisle alongside your classmates, your friends since the first day of school. Dressed in all white and red, the colors that make you proud to be called an Indian. Holding your diploma as the most prized possession in the world. We thank our softball seniors for all the hard work they have put in, and wish them the best of luck in the future ahead.

It's in the Hole!

By Alexis Taylor

As temperatures begin to rise and the spring season of golf comes to an end, the players can't help but let a sigh of relief out after a very tense season. The girls had a very successful end to their season, however they started off with a tough loss against Farmington with a score of 214 to 195. The girls then went on to win their match against Newington with a nail-biting final score of 214 to 216. This match had been a deciding factor for the team, as Newington could have pushed the girls out of their position in the CCC East Division. The girls went on to clinch a victory against Middletown and Norwich Free Academy. Unfortunately, the girls sandwiched these wins with a disheartening loss against East Catholic.

The boys on the other hand, pulled out a victory in their match

against East Hartford with a final score of 204 to 226. However, they went on to lose against E. O. Smith with a final score of 194 to 154. The boys played well and gave it their all but could not come away with the win against Wethersfield resulting in a score of 192 to 162, and again with their final match of the season against their rivals, East Catholic, with 221 strokes to ECHS's 151 strokes.

Both the boys and girls golf teams have given this season their all. The girls holding their position as number one in the eastern division as well as the boys victories, both moral and physical throughout the season. The girls team was well led by senior captains Amanda Zappula and Olivia Hebert, as well as the boys with their only senior member, Mike Pawelec. All senior members will be dearly missed and remembered for their excellent strides and accomplishments on the green.

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It's illegal to climb trees.

LL State Champions!

By Josh Couvares

On May 31st, the Manchester High School boys track team experienced a victory that the program had not seen in 67 years. Since 1944, the team has failed to achieve what it did a few weeks ago. Manchester won the class LL State Meet.

The LL State Meet was a highly contested meet with Danbury as the favorite to clinch first place. For years, Manchester has been runner up to the Hatters, but this time things were different. The meet came down to the wire with the last event, the 4x400 meter relay, deciding Manchester's fate. As the relay members warmed up, they knew that they had to come in at least one place behind Danbury in order to win the meet. Senior Seth Devalve led off the relay and handed off to junior Kodjo Erasmus. Erasmus raced around the track and after handing off the baton, toppled over onto the infield. Next up was senior Zac Philbrick who managed to hand off to Algernon Johnson in fourth place. However, Danbury had a noticeable lead in second place. Despite this lead, Johnson ran a terrific anchor leg, catching the third place team and securing the victory for Manchester. Manchester edged out Danbury for the win, with a score of 75-74. Every point earned by Manchester counted. The team only had one first place finisher, who was Algernon Johnson in the 100 meter dash, but the depth of the team carried them to victory.

Every point earned made the win, even the 4x100 meter relay clinching eighth place for one point.

At the State Open Meet on June 6th, Manchester had a few good performances. Junior Kweku Aidoo came in seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 44 feet and 4 and a half inches. Kodjo Erasmus came in eighth in 300 meter hurdles with a time of 40.39 seconds. The 4x400 relay team came in eighth place as well, finishing with a time of 3:25.87 seconds.

The Manchester High School boys track team is very enthusiastic about their performances in both the LL State meet as well as the State Open Championship meet. Senior Seth Devalve gave everything he had competing in these meets. "It was really fun because I knew these were the last track meets of my life and I wanted to do he best I could" Devalve said. Algernon Johnson, reflecting back on his track career, was very happy about the way the season ended. "I was very excited about the boys team winning the LL State Meet," Johnson said.



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Chris Choiniere vaults himself into second place at the State Championship.

"I had a great time all four years of track and I the love the guys on the team."

While the team ended on a high note this year, the track program will only continue to grow and develop over the next few years. This season's team was very young and inexperienced. There is only greatness in the future of Manchester High School's boys track team.

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